

# BUSINESS MODELS



*Creating, Delivering and  
Capturing Value*



VENTURE DESIGN  
TOOLKIT

IDEO



*Helps you answer:*

How will you create value for people? / How will you deliver a  
valuable experience? / How will you make money (capture value)?  
/ What are your revenues? / What are your costs? / What is your  
profit? / What key activities and systems do you need in place?



***Business models are **systems**.***

***They are the mechanisms and  
relationships designed to **create,  
deliver and capture value**.***



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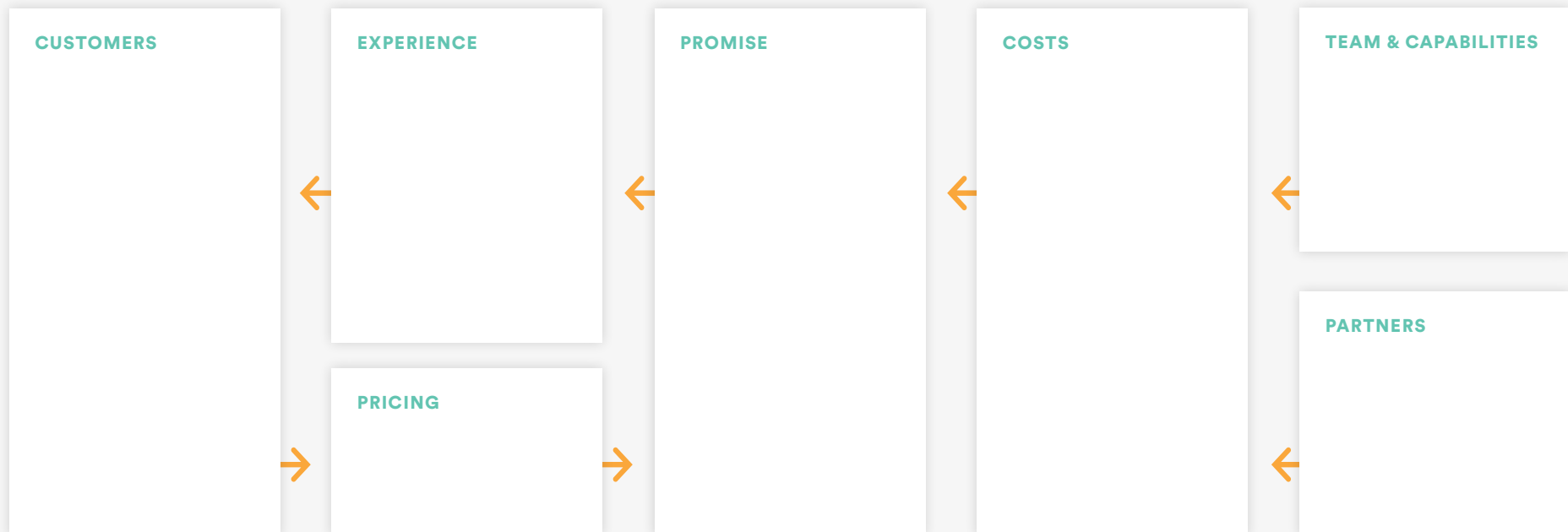
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*All these are supported by the **systems** that make your venture work.*



# VENTURE CANVAS:

*A tool for mapping how ventures create, deliver and capture value:*



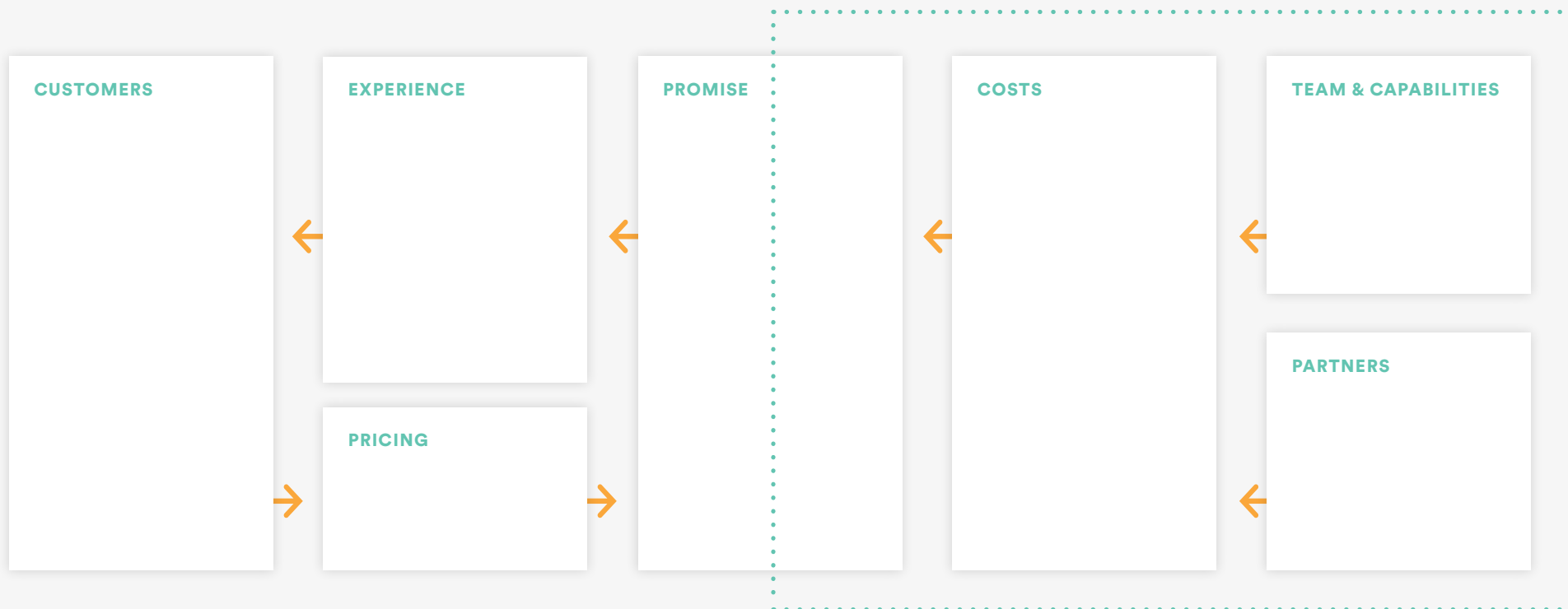
This tool is tailored to early-stage ventures focused on *designing the right experience for the right customers* (often called “product-market fit”). It begins with people: your customers.

*Inspired by / modified from Osterwalder's Business Model Canvas.*



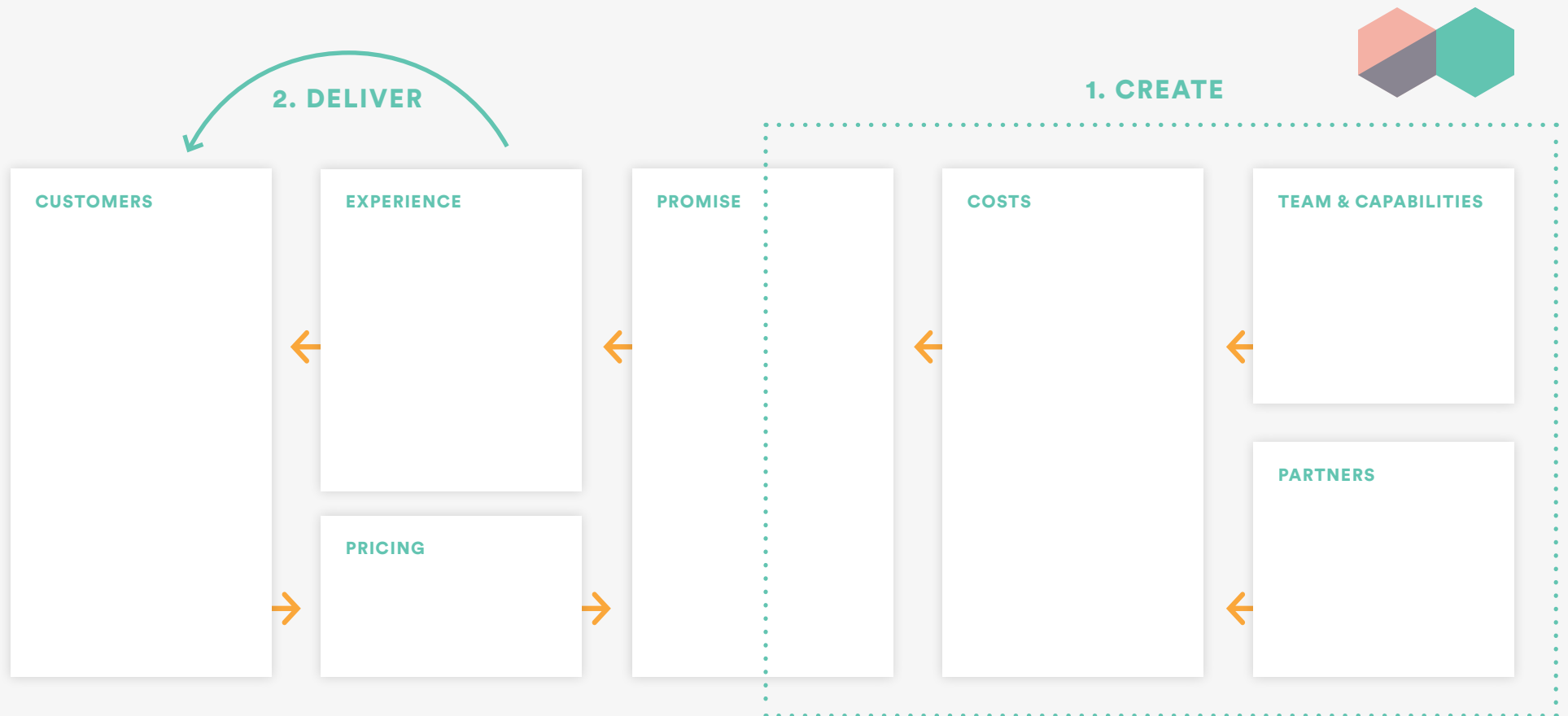


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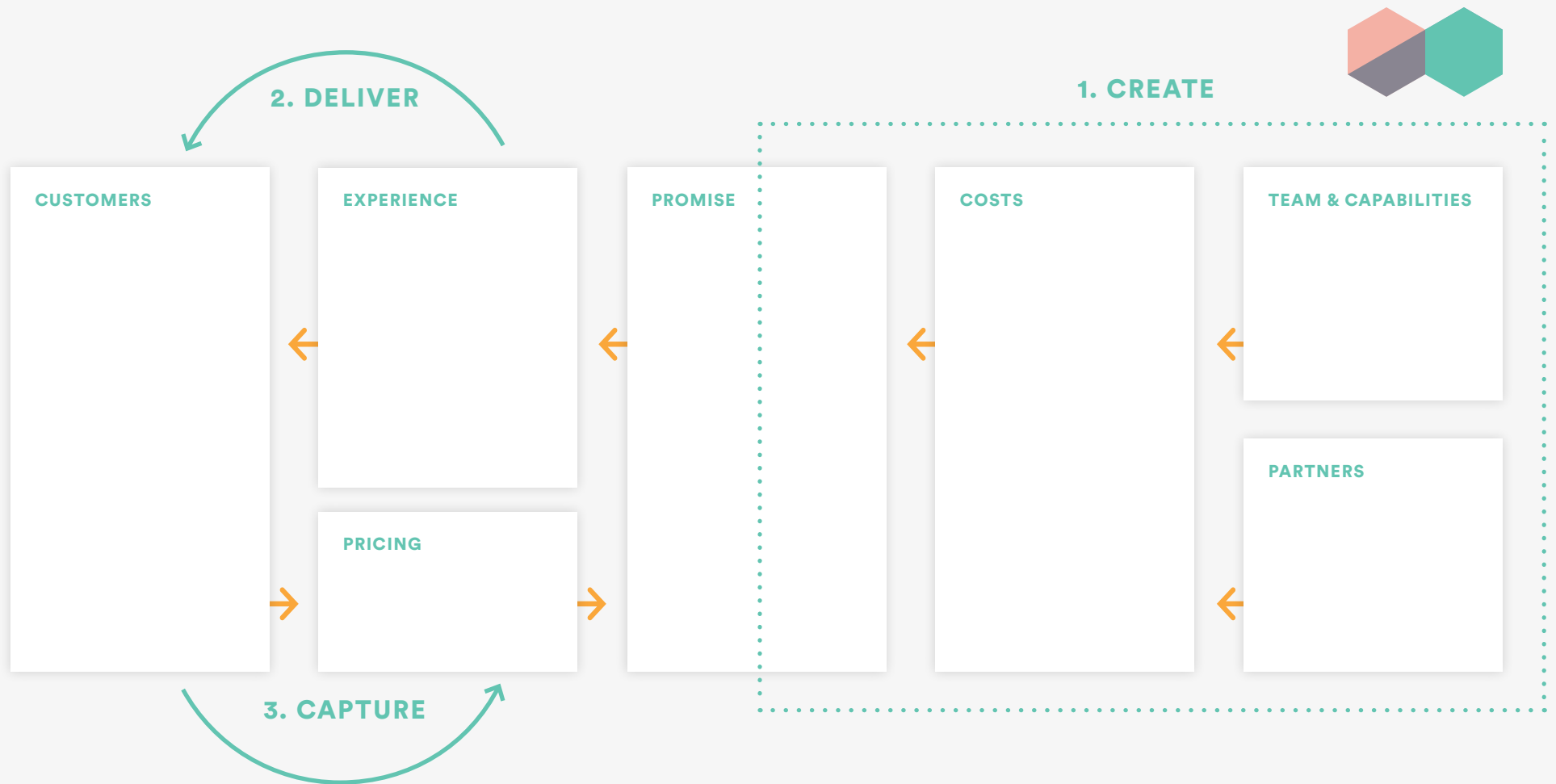
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You can see how value moves from the business to the customer or end user, and then back again.

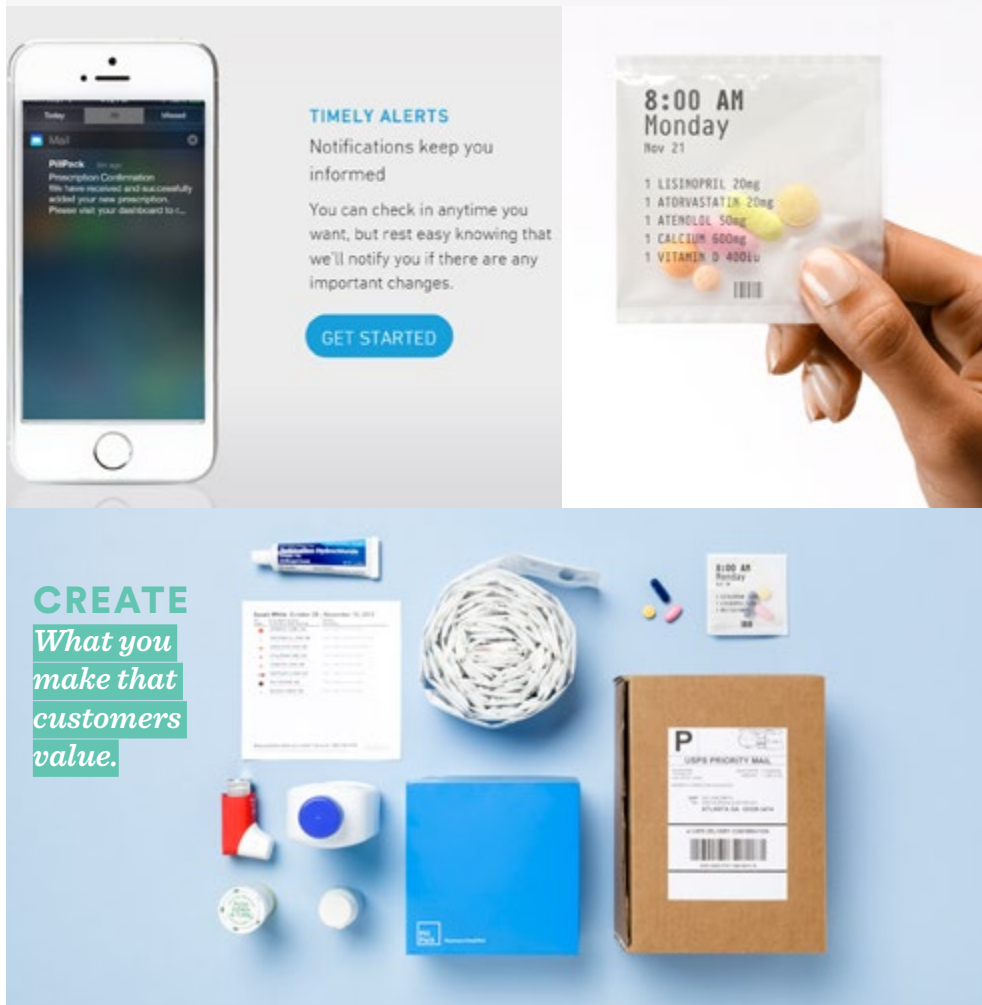


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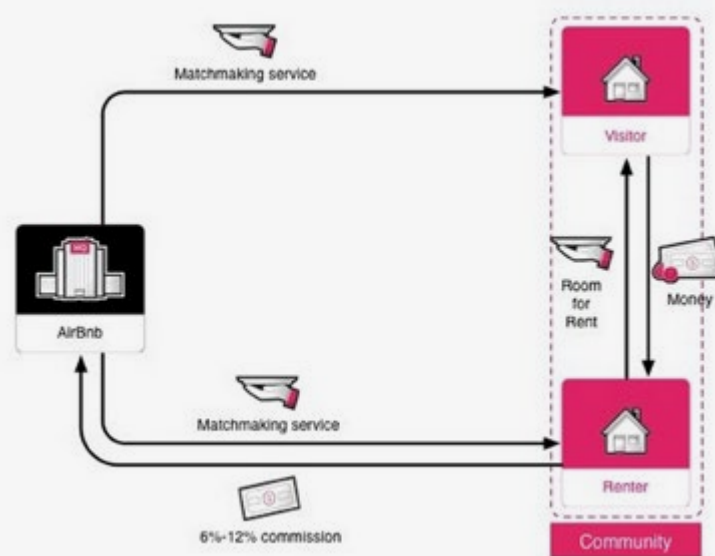
PillPack, a new pharmacy experience, has “backstage” activities that allow them to consistently **CREATE** and **DELIVER** value for customers.





# REVENUE MODELS

In return for *creating and delivering value* to your customers, you **CAPTURE VALUE** back to the business. This is how you *make money* - also known as your **REVENUE MODEL**.



## THE BUSINESS MODEL BEHIND AIRBNB.COM:

a one-sided matchmaking platform

*Depending on the rental price Airbnb takes a **commission up to 12%***

*Other platforms charge **posting fees***

*Source: Board of Innovation*

## CAPTURE

How much will you charge for your product / service?

How often? Who pays?



# POPULAR WAYS TO MAKE MONEY



*One-time  
price or fee*



*Give a product,  
sell the service*



*Sell a product,  
give the service*



*Subscription*



*Membership*



*Commissions*

OR



*Combinations!*



*Pay-as-you-go /  
pay-per-use*



*Subsidize part  
of the cost*



*B2B Licensing*



*Some questions to think about for your revenue model:*

How would your solution change for different revenue models?

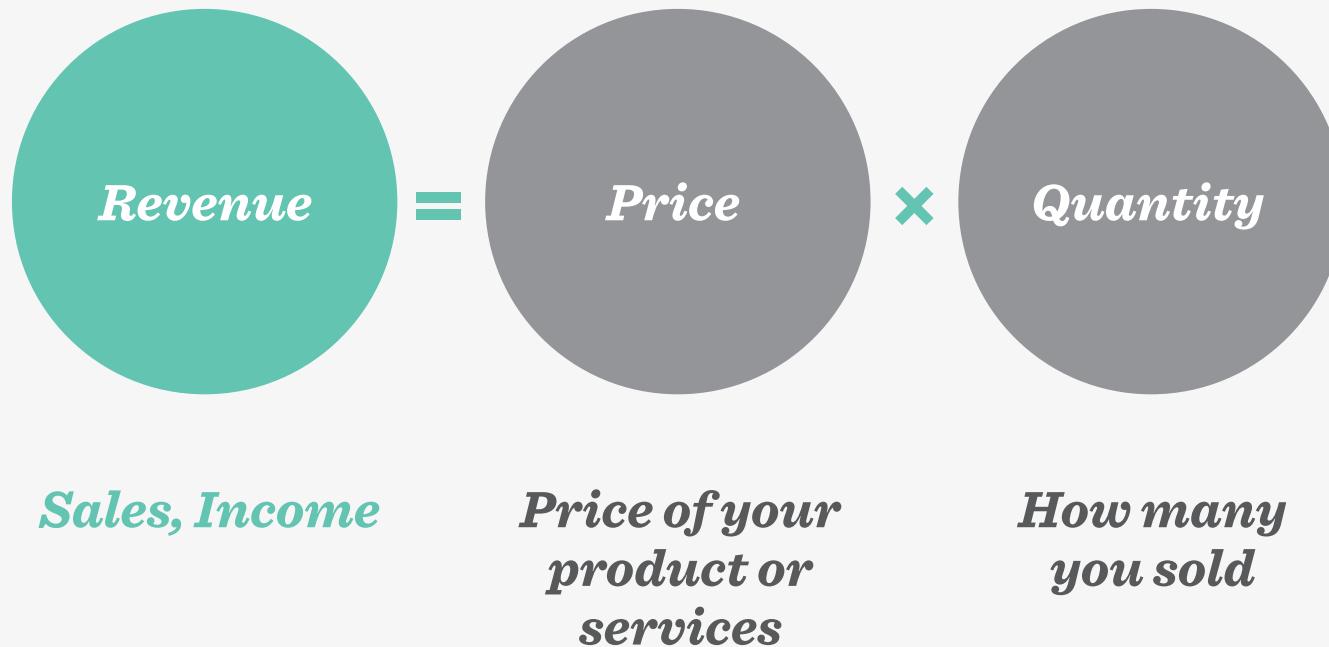
Is your end user the person who will pay?

Are there multiple income / revenue streams?





# REVENUE IS MONEY COMING IN

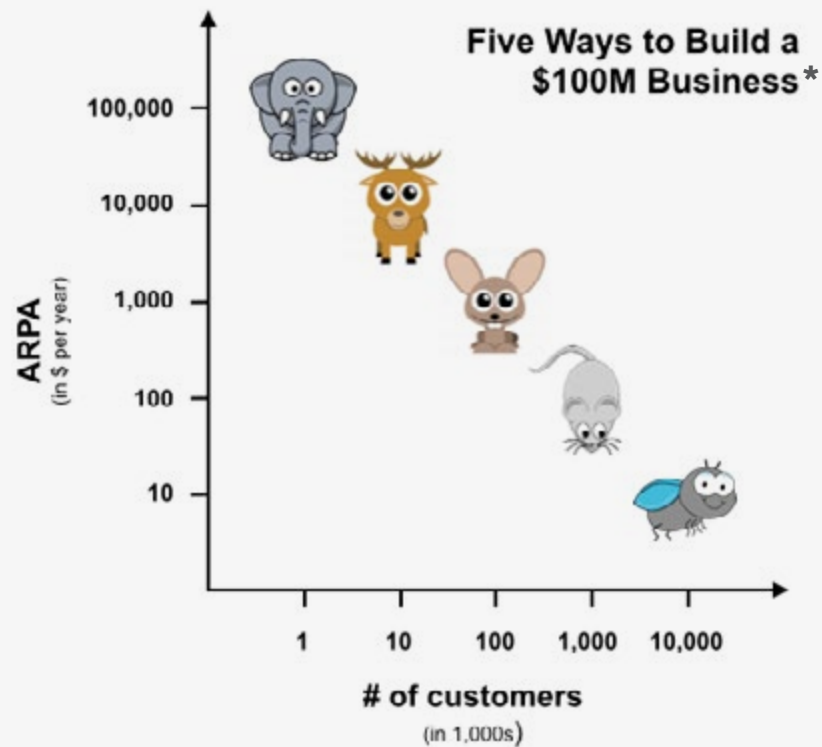


## REVENUE MODEL



### HIGH PRICE, LOW QUANTITY

Your price can be high, but target a small market.



### LOW PRICE, HIGH QUANTITY

Or, you can sell a low-priced product to the masses.

\*<http://christophjanz.blogspot.com/2014/10/five-ways-to-build-100-million-business.html>



***Business model drivers** are the  
assumptions you make that have  
**greatest impact & risk**  
on revenue (sales) and on costs.*



# BUSINESSES HAVE REVENUE DRIVERS AND COST DRIVERS

## REVENUE DRIVERS

- What must happen for money to come in?
- How can you get more customers? Or higher prices?
- What do you need to do to grow your venture?

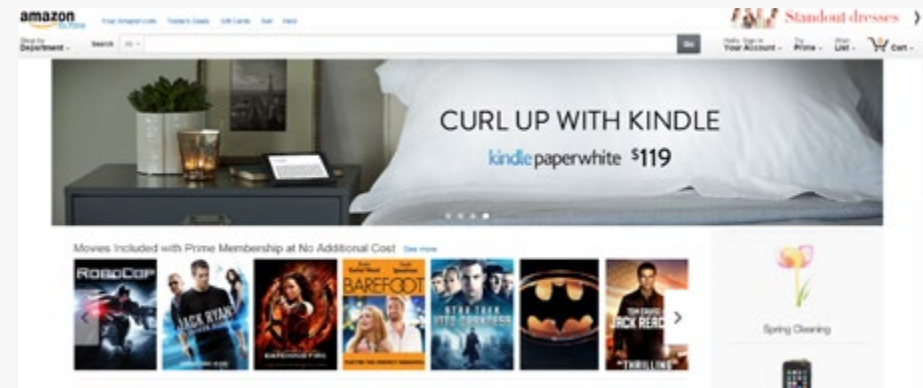
## COST DRIVERS

- Where will you spend the most money? Salaries? Advertising?
- New investments?
- Can you be efficient with overhead and fixed expenses?

*Ask yourself, where does the **greatest impact** come from?  
Where are the **biggest risks**?*



# GUESS THE DRIVERS IN THESE BUSINESSES' MODELS:





# MONEY GOING OUT: WHAT ARE YOUR COSTS?

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***Variable costs include anything related to producing one additional product, serving one additional customer.***

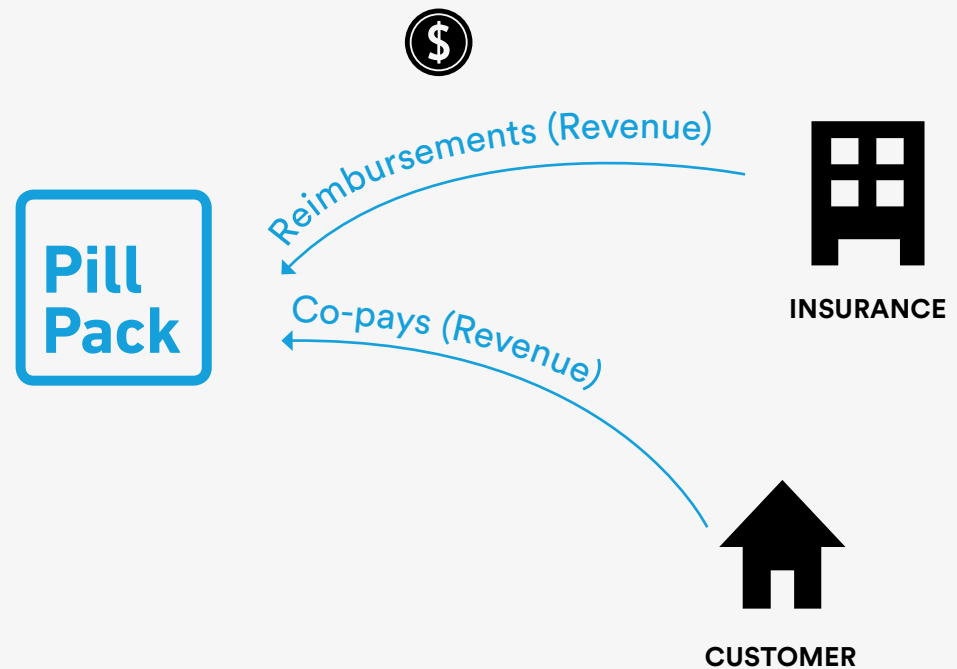
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*PillPack has two revenue streams:*

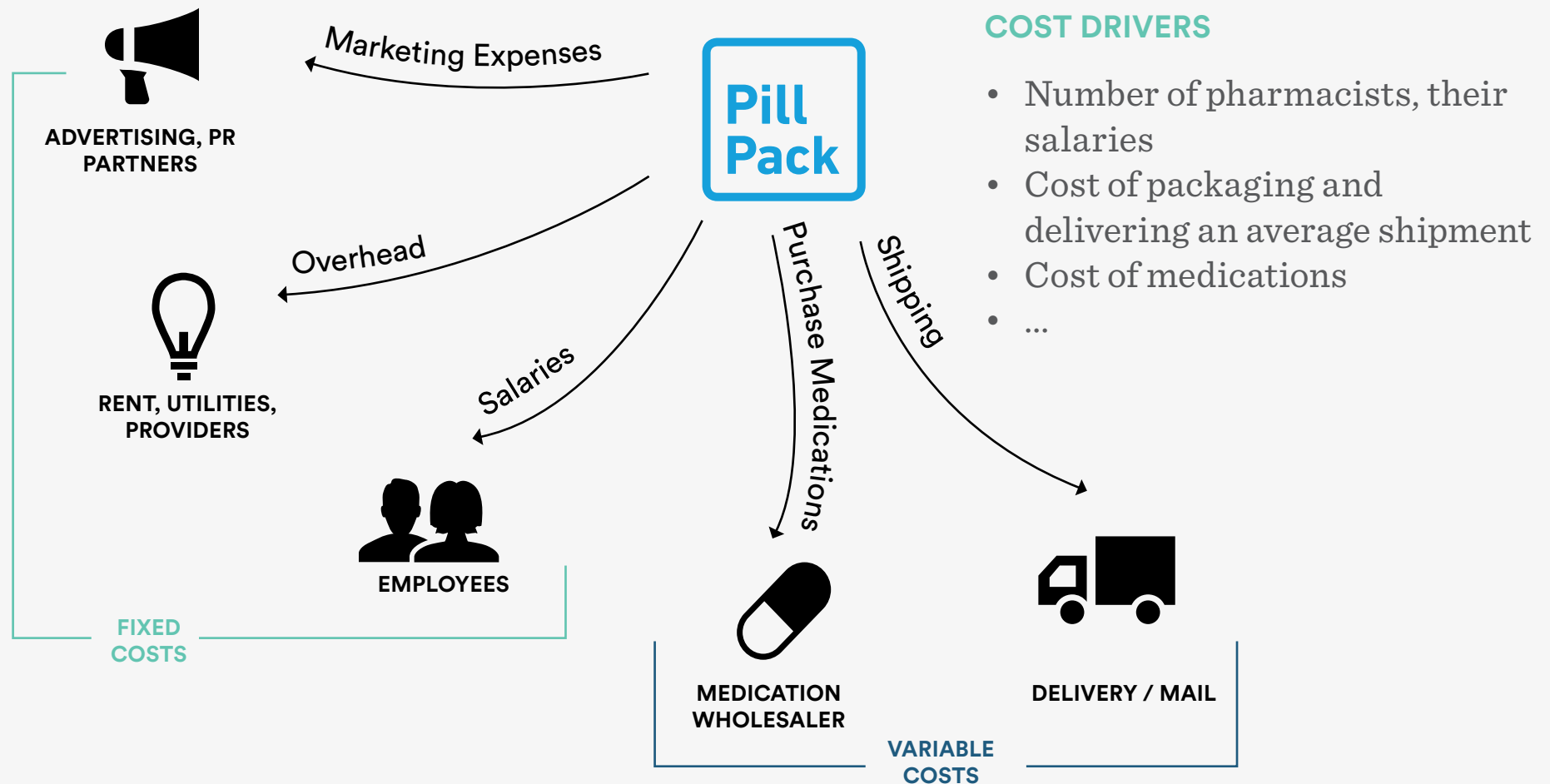


### REVENUE DRIVERS

- Quantity of customers
- Number of prescriptions / medications
- How long a customer stays with PillPack
- ...



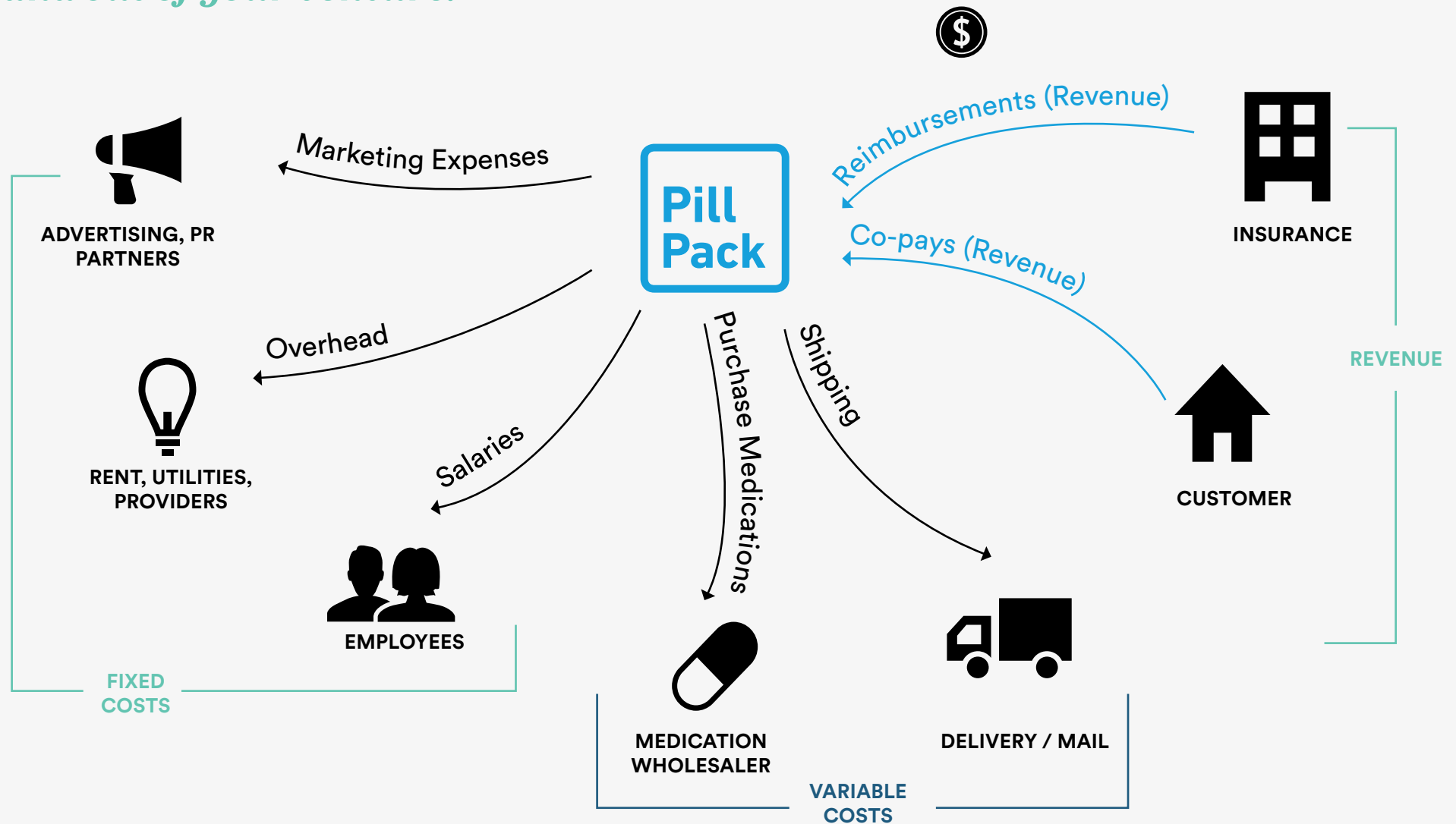
*And there are various costs, or things PillPack must spend money on:*



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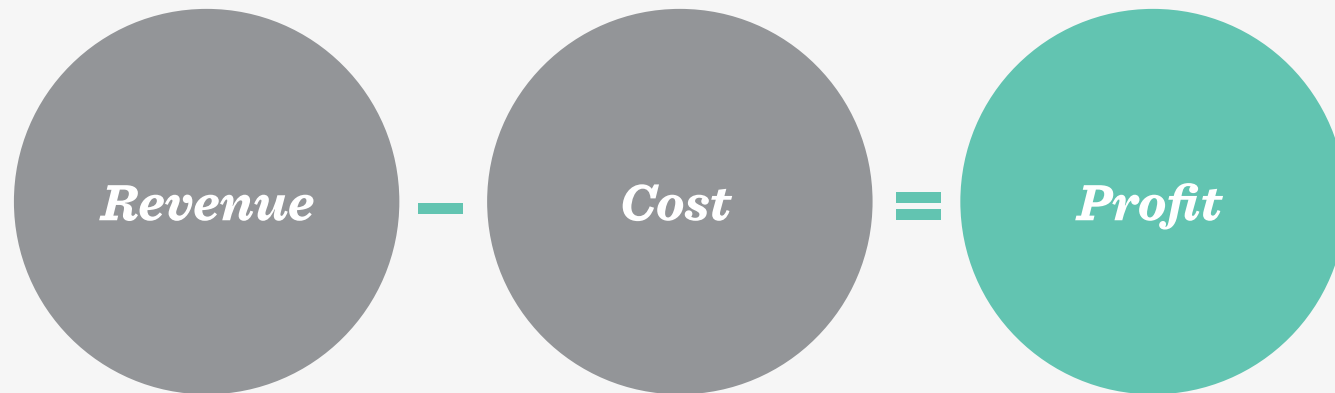


*You need a clear picture of how money flows in and out of your venture.*





*So now you have a sense for money coming in and flowing out - but how much is left?*



***Money coming in***  
What you earned

***Money going out***  
What you spent

***What's left***  
Sometimes expressed  
as a % of revenue /  
sales or as a \$ amount



# PROFIT HAPPENS DIFFERENTLY FOR DIFFERENT COMPANIES

## EXAMPLES:



*Coconut water*  
**CONSUMER  
PRODUCT**

Revenue covers more  
than cost of making  
product, leaves  
margin



*Facebook*  
**SOFTWARE**

No revenue early  
on, high fixed costs



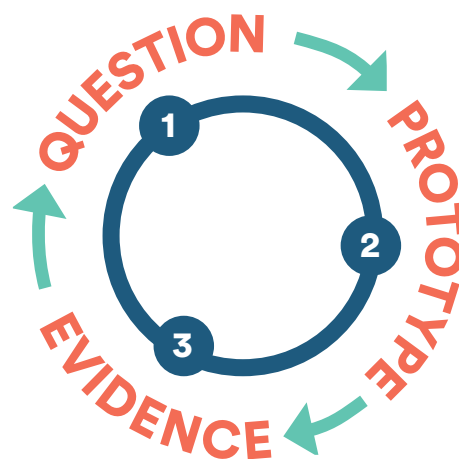
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**FOR QUESTIONS YOU STILL NEED  
TO ANSWER OR ASSUMPTIONS YOU  
NEED TO PROVE,**

- What will you make / prototype?
- What evidence can you get?





# WHAT'S NEXT?

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## DO

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### SKETCH YOUR BUSINESS MODEL

*What are the most basic elements and assumptions of your business model?*

### DELIVERING VALUE

*How will your business deliver a valuable experience to your customers?*

### VENTURE CANVAS

*How do the pieces of your venture work together to create, deliver and capture value?*

### P&L / INCOME STATEMENT

*How much money are you earning, spending and keeping in running your venture?*

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## DO

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### CASH FLOW MAP

*What are the inflows and outflows of money in your venture?*

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## LEARN

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

UNDERSTANDING YOUR VENTURE'S FINANCIAL SITUATION

*How do you keep track of your venture's money?*

### DESIGNING YOUR ORGANIZATION

BUILDING THE RIGHT CULTURE AND TEAM

*How will you build your culture and team with purpose?*

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## DO

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### PROTOTYPE STARTER

*How could you prototype various aspects of your business model?*

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## Other Resources

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### 📖 ARTICLE

### PROFILES OF 50 MOST INNOVATIVE COMPANIES' BUSINESS MODELS

BY FAST COMPANY

*Snapshots of business models that drive innovative companies*

### 📖 CASE STUDY

### KEURIG CREATED THE PERFECT BUSINESS MODEL FOR HARDWARE STARTUPS

BY BEN EINSTEIN (FOUNDER AT BOLT)

*A study of Keurig's business model with implications*